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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SPEECH FORUM OPTIONS

REF: STATE 284074

1. MISSION TODAY DISCUSSED WITH PALAIS PRESS SECRETARY ARNAUD SUBJECT OF BEST FORUMS FOR PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. CLEARLY EMERGING FROM DISCUSSIONS WAS UNEQUIVOCAL POSITION ON PART OF FRENCH THAT FORUM FOR SPEECH NOT RPT NOT BE ONE WHICH PROVIDED FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, SINCE QUESTIONS WOULD INEVITABLY BE ON INTERNAL FRENCH AFFAIRS. WE STRONGLY SHARE THIS VIEW. THEREFORE, ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT PRESIDENT USE JOINT PRESS ASSOCIATIONS WOULD BE OUT.

2. IN LIGHT OF NEW SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM AND DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF, FOLLOWING ARE OUR RECOMMENDED OPTIONS FOR SPEECH FORUM DESIGNED TO GIVE MAXIMUM COVERAGE IN FRANCE, EUROPE, AND U.S. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT WHILE WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH GOF, WE WILL STILL NEED TO EXAMINE WITH LOCAL HOST ORGANIZATIONS.

(A) A LIVE TELEVISION ADDRESS FROM THE MARIGNY RESIDENCE. SPEECH WOULD BE DIRECTED TO FRANCE, EUROPE  
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AND AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE, INCLUDING U.S. MARIGNY, WHERE PRESIDENT IS STAYING, POSES NO PROBLEMS RE TELEVISION HOOK-UP, SECURITY, AND WOULD OBVIATE NEED TO HAVE PRESIDENT LEAVE RESIDENCE EVENING OF DECEMBER 4. SPEECH COULD BE DONE WITH OR WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP AND BEFORE CAREFULLY SELECTED AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PERSONS. SPONSORING ORGANIZATION COULD BE THE FRANCO-

AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT.  
THIS OPTION REPRESENTS OUR FIRST CHOICE AS POSING  
LEAST PROBLEMS FOR PRESIDENT, RECOGNIZING ROLE OF  
PARLIAMENT IN FRENCH POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND STILL  
ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES.

(B) A LIVE TELEVISION ADDRESS FROM A STUDIO/  
THEATER OF THE RTF (RADIO-TELEVISION FRANCAISE) TO AN  
AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 400-500 INVITED GUESTS DRAWN  
FROM FRANCO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, PRESS ASSOCIATIONS  
AND THE MEDIA. WE PREPARED SEEK PRIME TIME ON FRENCH  
NATIONAL TV NETWORK, PICKUP BY EUROVISION AND SATELLITE  
TRANSMISSION TO U.S.

(C) FRANCE-ETATS UNIS, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST  
PRESTIGIOUS FRANCO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT  
FRANCE, WOULD, WE FEEL SURE, AGREE TO PROVIDE A FORUM AND  
SPONSORSHIP, EITHER SINGLY OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER FRANCO-  
AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. VENUE COULD BE MARIGNY OR  
OTHER APPROPRIATE SITE, HALL OR HOTEL JOINTLY AGREED  
UPON BY ALL CONCERNED. THIS FORUM WOULD OBVIOUSLY  
INCLUDE LIVE TV COVERAGE.

3. IN OUR VIEW OPTIONS A AND B APPEAR MOST PRACTICAL  
AND DESIRABLE. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL, OF  
COURSE, TO HAVE CLEAREST POSSIBLE IDEA OF WHAT SPEECH  
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WILL COVER AND PRIMARY AUDIENCE FOR WHOM IT IS INTENDED.  
FOR EXAMPLE ONE PRESS RUMOR HEARD HERE IS THAT NORTH-  
SOUTH RELATIONS WILL BE TOPIC, IN WHICH CASE OECD  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE APPROPRIATE VENUE. TO BE  
ABLE ALSO TO TELL FRENCH GOVERNMENT THE TOPIC WOULD BE  
A COURTESY WHICH THEY WOULD APPRECIATE. THIS WOULD  
ENABLE US TO BETTER FOCUS ON FORUMS AND ADAPT THEM  
RE SPONSORSHIP, AUDIENCE, ETC. TO FIT NEEDS AND  
DESIRES OF WHITE HOUSE.  
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